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1. Troops of the 4, 5, and 6 Divisions of the 2 Army, 1 Army Group, commanded by WANG Chen, were stationed in the Aksu (80-14, 41-15) - Kashgar (75-58, 39-29) - Shoh'e. (77-16, 38-24) - Khotan (79-95, 37-07) - Keriya (81-42, 36-52) area in October 1951, guarding the mountain roads leading to India and Pakistan and watching western Tibet. Troops in Keriya and Lotak'o (羅克), which is 15,000 feet above sea level and 4.2 kilometers from the Soviet (sic) border, are threatening India.
2. After the Chinese Communists entered Tibet, Soviet engineer units and technicians went to Lotak'o, where they are building an airfield.
3. Troops of the 1 Army were stationed at Urumchi (87-35, 43-48) and Kucha (82-54, 41-43). Parts of the 1 Army and the 6 Army were stationed at Tunhuang (94-47, 40-08), Anhsi (95-57, 40-32), Yumen (97-13, 40-15) and Hsinghsinghsia (95-09, 41-48). The main task of the 1 Army was to watch and combat the Nationalist troops under HUANG Tsu-hsun (黃祖勳) and other Nationalist guerrillas.

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Comment. Inasmuch as paragraph 2 places Lotak'o in Tibet, it may be that Lotok'o (Rudok, 79-40, 33-27) is meant. The reference to the Soviet border is incompatible with any location in Tibet. The airfield would be south and east of Rudok. Press reports from Kalimpong have indicated that Rudok is being modernized.

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